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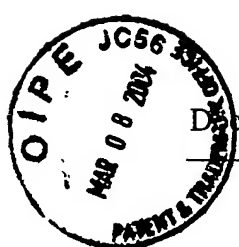
Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 154 references, copies of 40 of which are enclosed.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 154 references. Copies of the cited U.S. patents and published U.S. applications are not enclosed, as this application was filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of other cited references are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

**RELATED COPENDING APPLICATIONS (COMMONLY OWNED WITH THE PRESENT
APPLICATION)**

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Inventors</u>	<u>Attorney Docket No.</u>
10/299,647	11/19/02	HIGH EFFICIENCY HYDROFOIL AND SWIM FIN DESIGNS	McCARTHY	NATURES.003C8
10/035,758	12/28/01	METHODS FOR CREATING CONSISTENT LARGE SCALE	McCARTHY	NATURES.015C2

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		BLADE DEFLECTIONS		
10/762,640	1/22/04	METHODS FOR CREATING CONSISTENT LARGE SCALE BLADE DEFLECTIONS	McCARTHY	NATURES.015C3
09/852,155	5/9/01	METHODS FOR CREATING LARGE SCALE FOCUSED BLADE DEFLECTIONS	McCARTHY	NATURES.018A
10/623,187	7/18/03	HIGH DEFLECTION HYDROFOILS AND SWIM FINS	McCARTHY	NATURES.025A

Regarding Serial No. 10/299,647, a copy of its currently-pending claims is enclosed herewith. Its specification and drawings are similar to those of the present application.

Regarding Serial No. 10/035,758, its specification is set forth in publication no. 2003-0092332, listed in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the currently-pending claims of Serial No. 10/035,758 is enclosed herewith.

Regarding Serial No. 10/762,640, a copy of its currently-pending claims is enclosed herewith. Its specification and drawings are similar to publication no. 2003-0092332, listed in the attached form PTO-1449.

Regarding Serial No. 09/852,155, its specification is set forth in publication no. 2002/0025744, listed in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the currently-pending claims of Serial No. 09/852,155 is enclosed herewith.

Regarding Serial No. 10/623,187, a copy of its specification, drawings and currently-pending claims is enclosed herewith.

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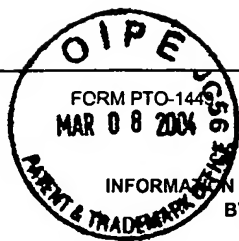
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	146	"BZ" bodysurfing fin (Picture), 1 st production in 1990
	147	"Blade Pro" bodysurfing fin (Picture), 1 st production 1991
	148	"Wave Rebel" bodysurfing fin (Picture), 1 st production 1994
	149	Art. 1400 Pinna "Professional" Fin (1989)
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